

Michigan Biomass Energy Program Workshop & Event Financial Assistance

Purpose: The purpose of this funding opportunity is to support workshops or events that increase public awareness about energy or fuel derived from Michigan biomass resources. Biomass is defined as any organic matter, which is available on a renewable basis through natural processes or as a by-product of human activity such as agricultural crops and crop residues, wood and wood waste, and municipal solid waste.

Funding: The maximum award for each workshop or event is \$2,500. MBEP Workshop and Event funds will be awarded on a first come, first serve basis until all money is distributed.

What Workshops or Events Are Eligible? All workshops/events must take place in Michigan and occur between June 1, 2005 and before May 31, 2006. The target audience may include fleets, farmers, students, flexible fuel vehicle owners, fleet managers, or other relevant groups. The project should not be geared toward the general public. A significant portion of the workshop or event must be related to biomass energy production and/or use. Sessions or presentations within a workshop are not eligible for funding.

Who Can Apply? Public and non-profit organizations are eligible to submit proposals. An organization may receive funding for no more than two separate workshops/events.

Application Requirements: To be considered for funding, an application must be submitted *at least 20 days prior* to the planned event and must include the information outlined below. An original signature copy plus two additional hard copies and one electronic copy of each application must be submitted to the Energy Office. An official who is authorized to negotiate and bind the applicant to its provisions must sign the proposal.

Required Information:

- 1) Identification of applicant organization (including federal ID number) and partners.
- 2) Brief description of the workshop/event, including estimated number of attendees.
- 3) Plans for promotion (website postings, mass mailings, newsletter, etc.) The Michigan Energy Office (DLEG) should be listed as a sponsor on all materials.
- 4) Amount requested and justification for amount, including what the funds will be used for (funds cannot be used for food/beverages).

Submit to:

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Applicants will be notified whether they will receive sponsorship funds by letter. Funds will be dispersed only on a *reimbursement* basis. Applicants should submit an invoice with a brief summary of outcomes after the workshop or event has occurred.

Questions? Contact Dulcey Simpkins at (517) 241-6223 or by email at dlsimpk@michigan.gov.